

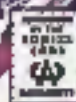


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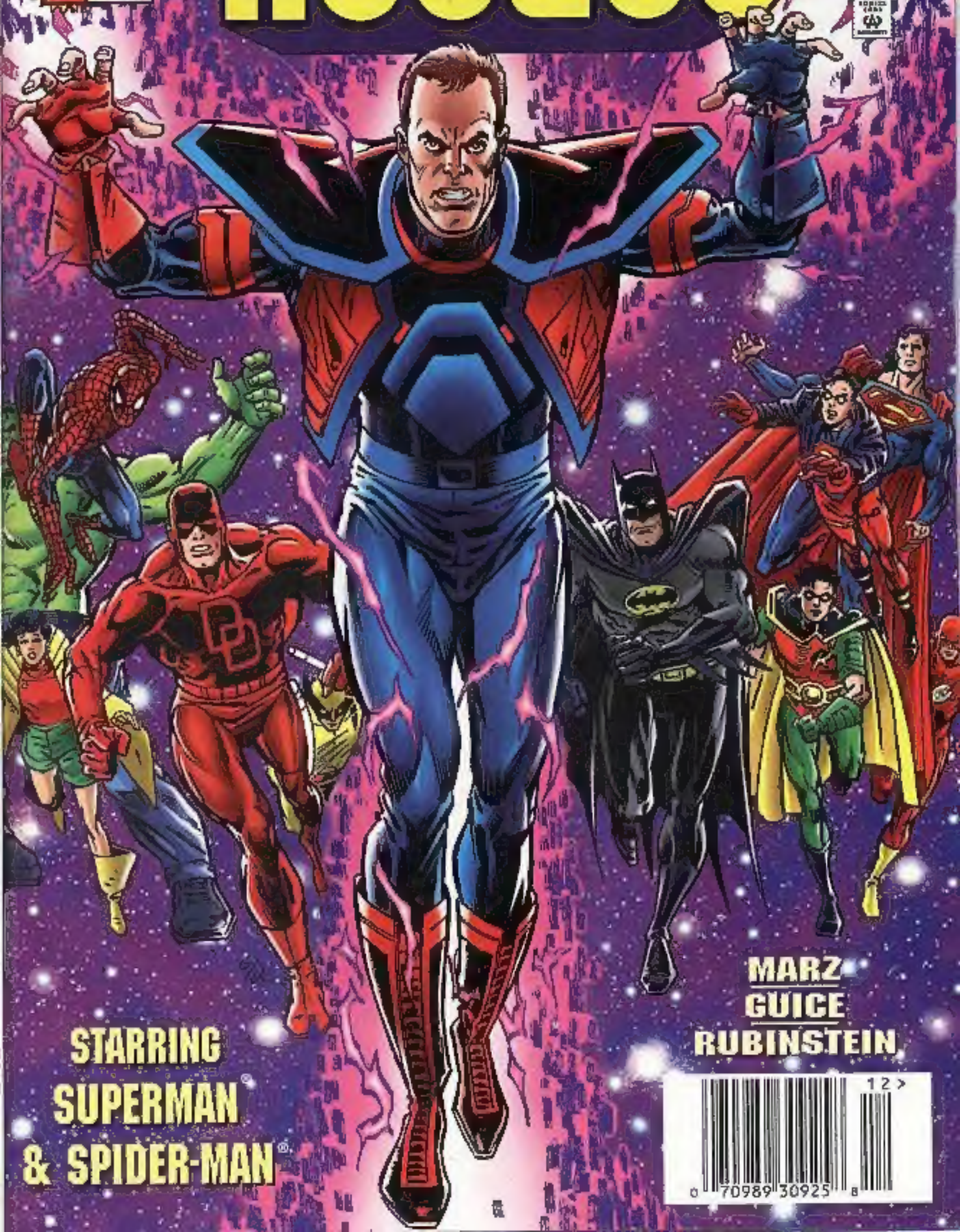
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ANOTHER
ALLEY.

QUICKEST WAY TO
GET FROM ONE
PLACE TO ANOTHER.
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT
IT, ALLEYS ARE ALSO
DIVIDING LINES BETWEEN
ONE BUILDING AND THE
NEXT, BETWEEN ONE
PLACE AND ANOTHER.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE
BEEN IN AN ALLEY
MY WHOLE LIFE,
CAUGHT BETWEEN
PLACES.

HEY!

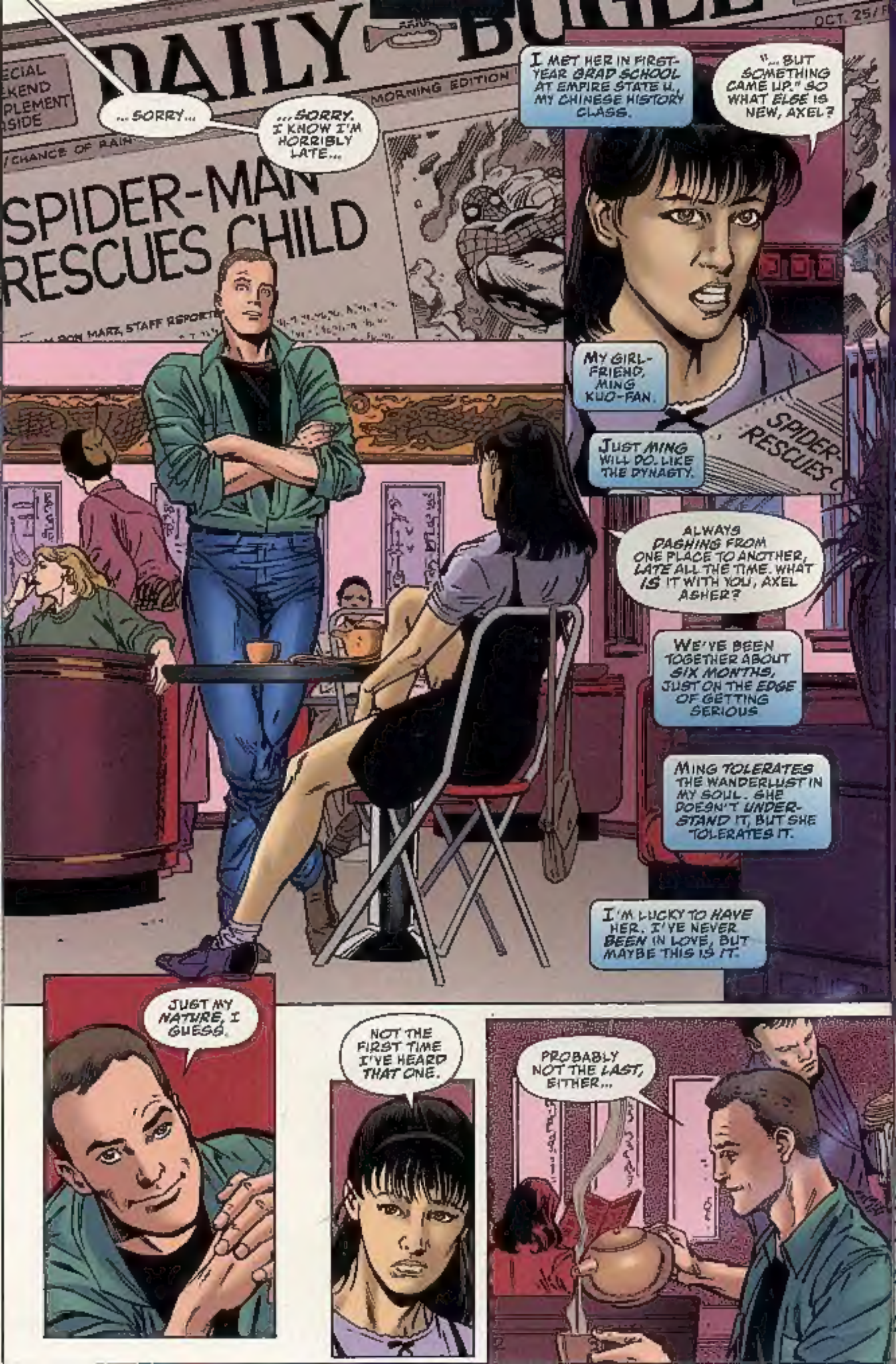
BLEECKER ST
MANDARIN

ALWAYS
RESTLESS.

I JUST NEVER
KNEW WHY.

SORRY...

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DAILY BUGLE

MORNING EDITION

SPECIAL WEEKEND SUPPLEMENT INSIDE

SPIDER-MAN RESCUES CHILD



... SORRY ...

... SORRY. I KNOW I'M HORRIBLY LATE ...

I MET HER IN FIRST-YEAR GRAD SCHOOL AT EMPIRE STATE U., MY CHINESE HISTORY CLASS.

"... BUT SOMETHING CAME UP." SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW, AXEL?

MY GIRL-FRIEND, MING KUO-FAN.

JUST MING WILL DO. LIKE THE DYNASTY.

ALWAYS DASHING FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER, LATE ALL THE TIME. WHAT IS IT WITH YOU, AXEL ASHER?

WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER ABOUT SIX MONTHS, JUST ON THE EDGE OF GETTING SERIOUS

MING TOLERATES THE WANDERLUST IN MY SOUL. SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND IT, BUT SHE TOLERATES IT.

I'M LUCKY TO HAVE HER. I'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE, BUT MAYBE THIS IS IT.



JUST MY NATURE, I GUESS.



NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD THAT ONE.



PROBABLY NOT THE LAST, EITHER...



... BUT AT
LEAST I NEVER
FORGET MY
MANNERS.

TEA?



OF
COURSE
IT'S ON
THE HOUSE!
MY PARENTS
OWN THE
RESTAU-
RANT!

BY THE WAY, MY
MOM'S BEEN
ASKING ABOUT
YOU AGAIN. SHE
WORRIES
YOU'RE NOT
GETTING ENOUGH
TO EAT.

AGAIN?



IT'S
ON THE
HOUSE.



THIS IS THE BEST
CHINESE RESTAURANT
IN GREENWICH VILLAGE.
SHE FEEDS ME EVERY
TIME I WALK THROUGH
THE...

...THROUGH
THE...

...DOOR...



AXEL? YOU
OKAY?

WHAT
IS IT?

...MY...

...HEAD...



...IT'S
...AND I...

...I CAN
SEE THEM...



...AGGH!

THIS HAS
NEVER
HAPPENED
BEFORE!

THE CROSSING!

MY MIND
FLOODING
WITH
VISIONS
OF WHAT
HAPPENED.

TWO UNIVERSES,
TWO COSMIC
BEINGS WHO
EMBODY THOSE
UNIVERSES.

HEROES FROM EACH UNIVERSE PITTED
AGAINST EACH OTHER, THE FATE OF
EVERYTHING RESTING ON THE
OUTCOMES.

ONLY ONE
UNIVERSE WAS
SUPPOSED
TO SURVIVE...

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...BUT IT WAS NEITHER. AND BOTH. AN AMALGAM OF BOTH UNIVERSES WAS CREATED...

...AND I CARRIED THE KEY TO SETTING THINGS RIGHT. THE UNIVERSES WENT BACK TO NORMAL. NO ONE ELSE EVEN REMEMBERS THE AMALGAM EVER EXISTED.



ALL OF IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OVER...

...BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG NOW.



IT'S VENOM. I'VE SEEN HIS PICTURE IN THE DAILY BUGLE. SOMEHOW HE'S IN THE WRONG UNIVERSE.

THE UNIVERSES HAVE TO STAY SEPARATED. EVEN ONE PERSON IN THE WRONG UNIVERSE MIGHT CAUSE A FISSURE IN THE FABRIC OF REALITY.

IF IT LASTS TOO LONG, THE UNIVERSES COULD START MERGING AGAIN. THE AMALGAM COULD RETURN FOREVER.

I HAVE TO...

...I HAVE TO... FIX IT...

AXEL, PLEASE...





MAN, RUNNING OUT LIKE THAT'S GONNA LOSE ME SERIOUS POINTS WITH--

WAIT.

THAT BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET. THE ONE WITH THE FUNKY SKYLIGHT.

SEEMS WEIRD...

...BUT I'VE NEVER NOTICED IT BEFORE. MUST'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE.

AND THAT GUY.



WHY'S HE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

NEVER MIND, THIS IS NEW YORK. ALL SORTS OF STRANGE CHARACTERS WANDERING AROUND.

CAN'T WORRY ABOUT IT NOW.

NICE KITTY. SHARE YOUR ALLEY?



I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO...

JOIN THE PARTY TODAY!

...AND I NEED
TO LOOK THE
PART.

THE TWO COSMIC
ENTITIES, THE TWO...
"BROTHERS". THERE
ARE SHARDS OF
THEM SCATTERED
ACROSS THE UNIVERSES.

I'M ONE OF
THOSE SHARDS,
OR SO I'VE
BEEN TOLD.

SOMETIMES THE SHARDS
TAKE THE FORM OF
DIMENSIONAL GATEWAYS.
SOMETIMES THEY'RE IN-
SIDE PEOPLE, WHICH
EXPLAINS WHY I'VE HAD
THIS RESTLESS
SPIRIT ALL MY LIFE.

MOST OF THE TIME,
THE PEOPLE NEVER
BECOME AWARE OF
THEIR TRUE NATURE.
I DID, AND I'VE
ACCEPTED EVERY-
THING THAT GOES
ALONG WITH IT.

IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO
KEEP THE UNIVERSES
SEPARATE, TO PREVENT ANY-
THING LIKE AMALGAM FROM
EVER HAPPENING AGAIN.

GUESS YOU COULD
CALL ME A KIND
OF COSMIC HALL
MONITOR...

BUT I PREFER
ACCESS

I DON'T HAVE ANY
REAL SUPER
POWERS~ I CAN'T
FLY, NO X-RAY
VISION.

BUT WHAT I CAN
DO IS TRANSPORT
FROM ONE PLACE
TO ANOTHER,
INCLUDING FROM
THIS UNIVERSE...

DAILY CLASH
ENFORCER GANG
TERRORIZES CITY
WHAT'S NEXT?

...TO THE
OTHER ONE.

I
SAID...

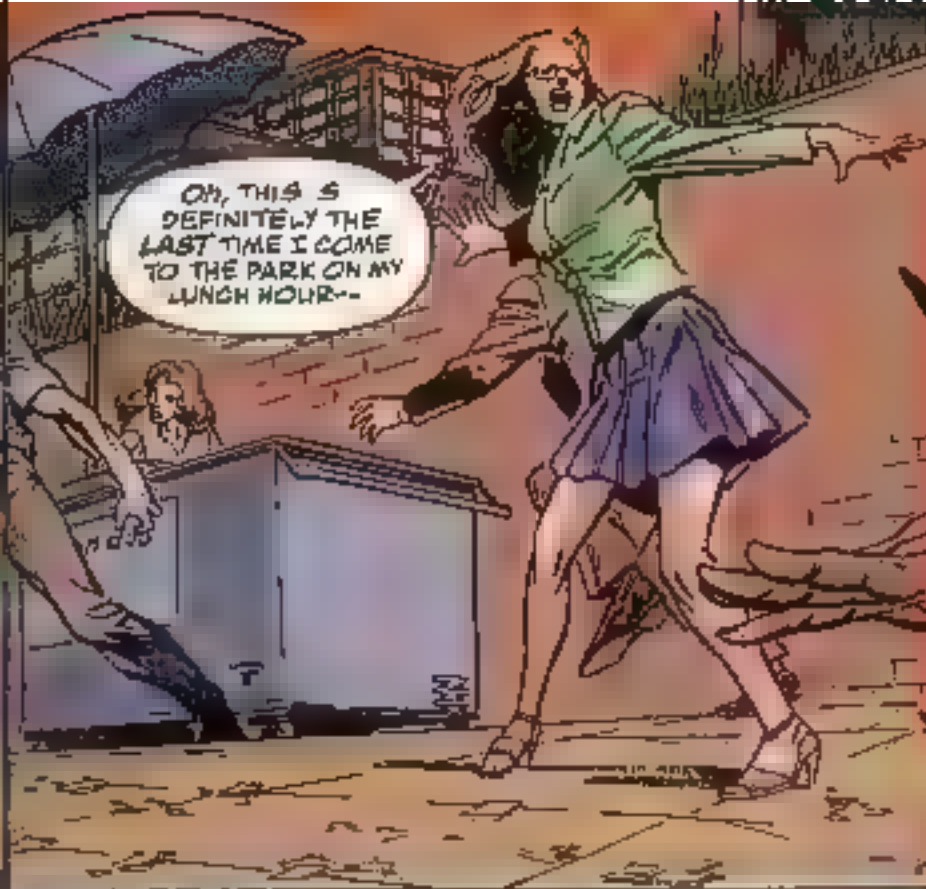
...I WANT
TO KNOW WHERE
WE ARE, WHAT
WE'RE DOING
HERE...

...AND WHO
THE HELL THIS
SUPERMAN
IS!

SOME KIND OF
MONSTER!

RUN!

**SKAK
RACK!**





I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT...

PLEASE, YOU'RE SCARING ME...

OH, YES...



WE CAN SEE THAT!

HA HA HA... heh?

WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

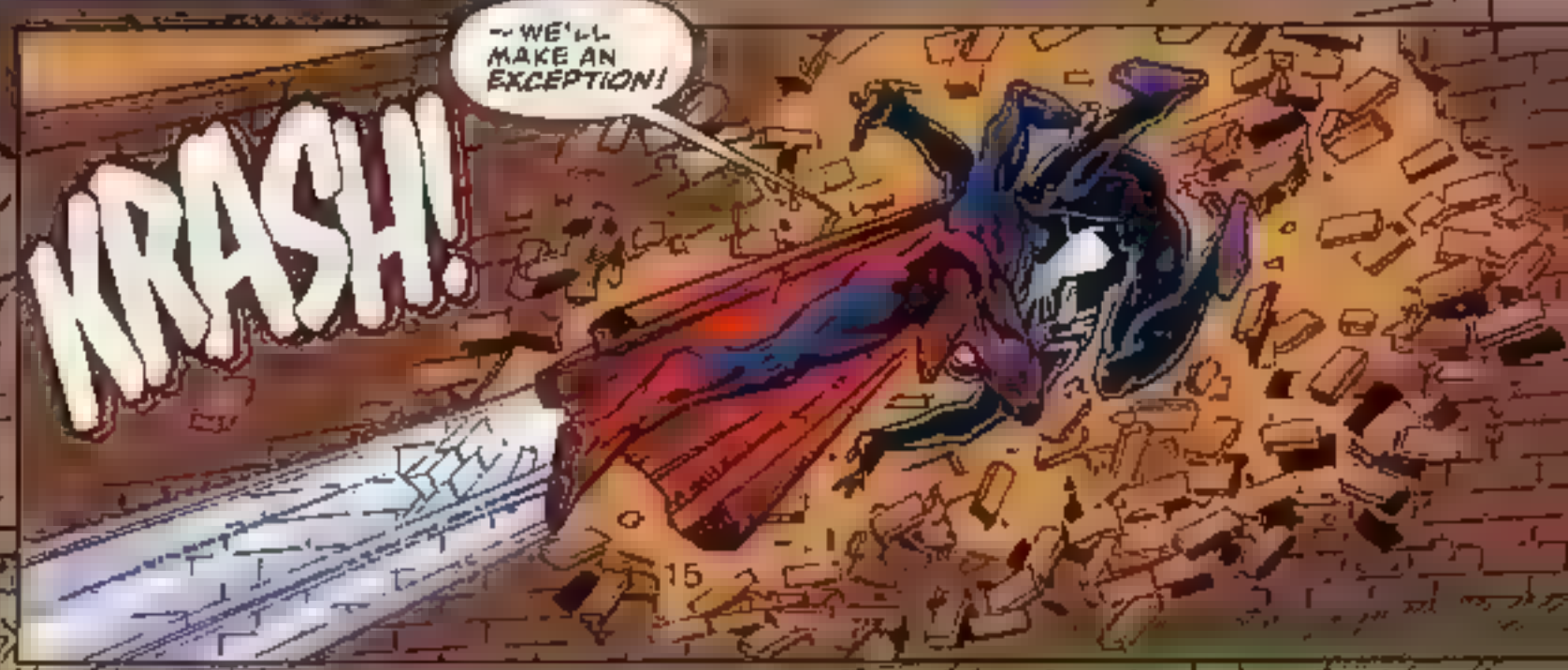


SUPERMAN



NOT FROM AROUND HERE, ARE YOU? NORMALLY METROPOLIS WELCOMES OUT-OF-TOWNERS, BUT IN THIS CASE--

UWFFF?!



KRASH!

WE'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION!

CAITLIN
FITZGERALD, YOUR
MOTHER TOLD YOU
NOT TO MOVE TO
METROPOLIS.

...BUT NO,
YOU WOULDN'T
LISTEN

YOUR COSTUME
REMINDS ME OF SOME-
ONE I MET RECENTLY
BUT YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY
NOT A HERO--

--LIKE
SPIDER-
MAN.

SPIDER-
MAN!

FWIP!

==UGG!==

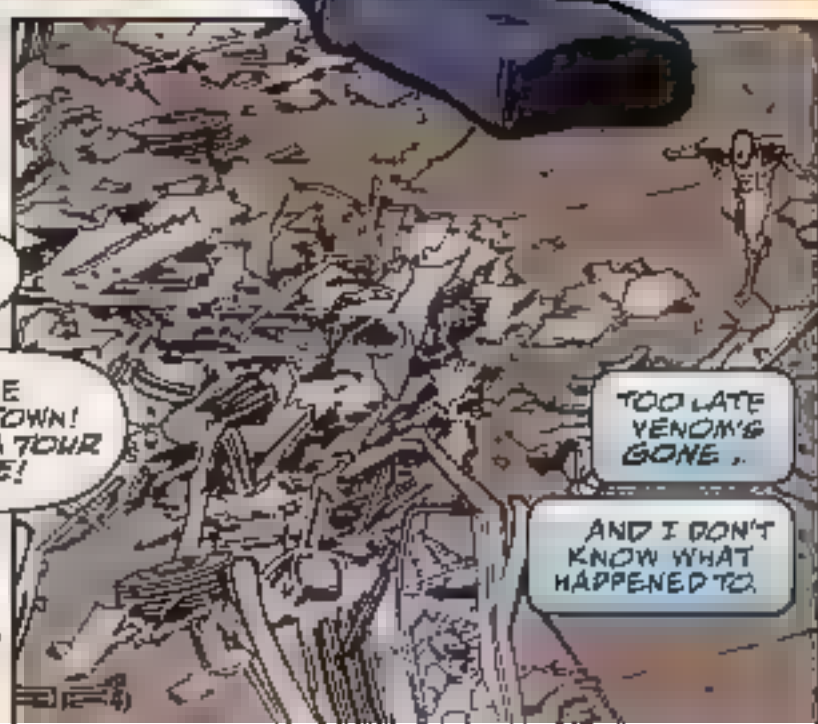
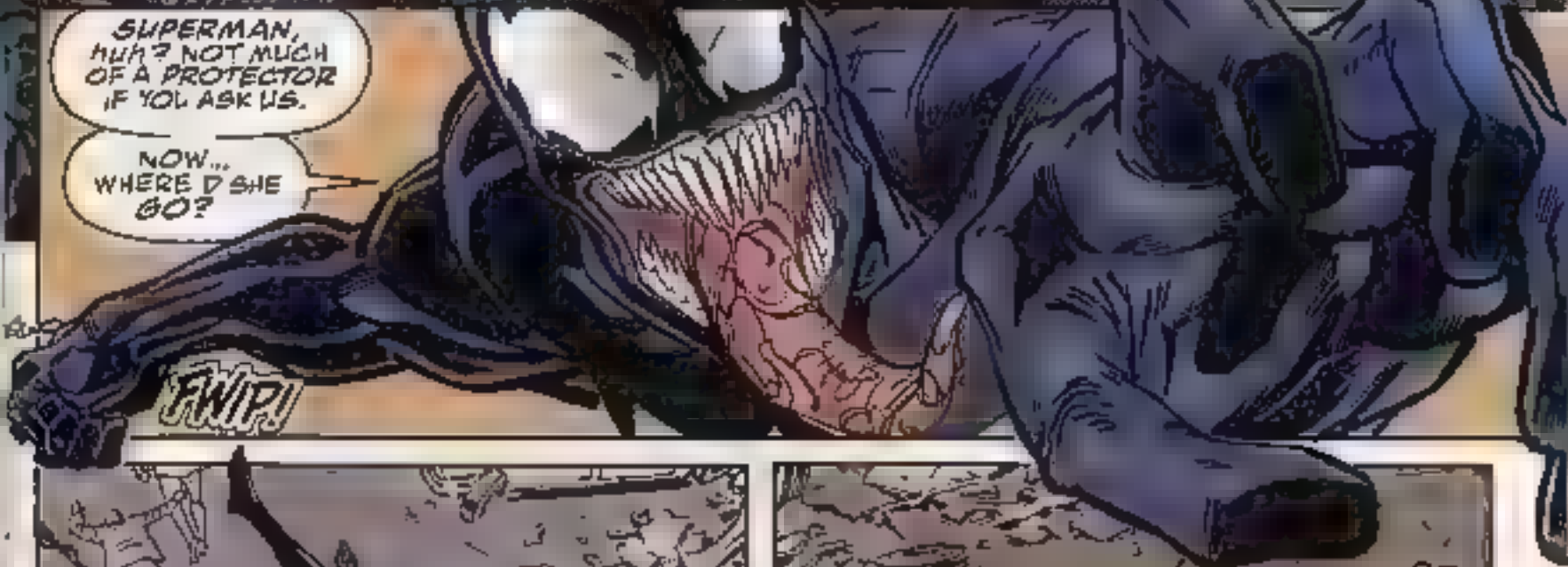
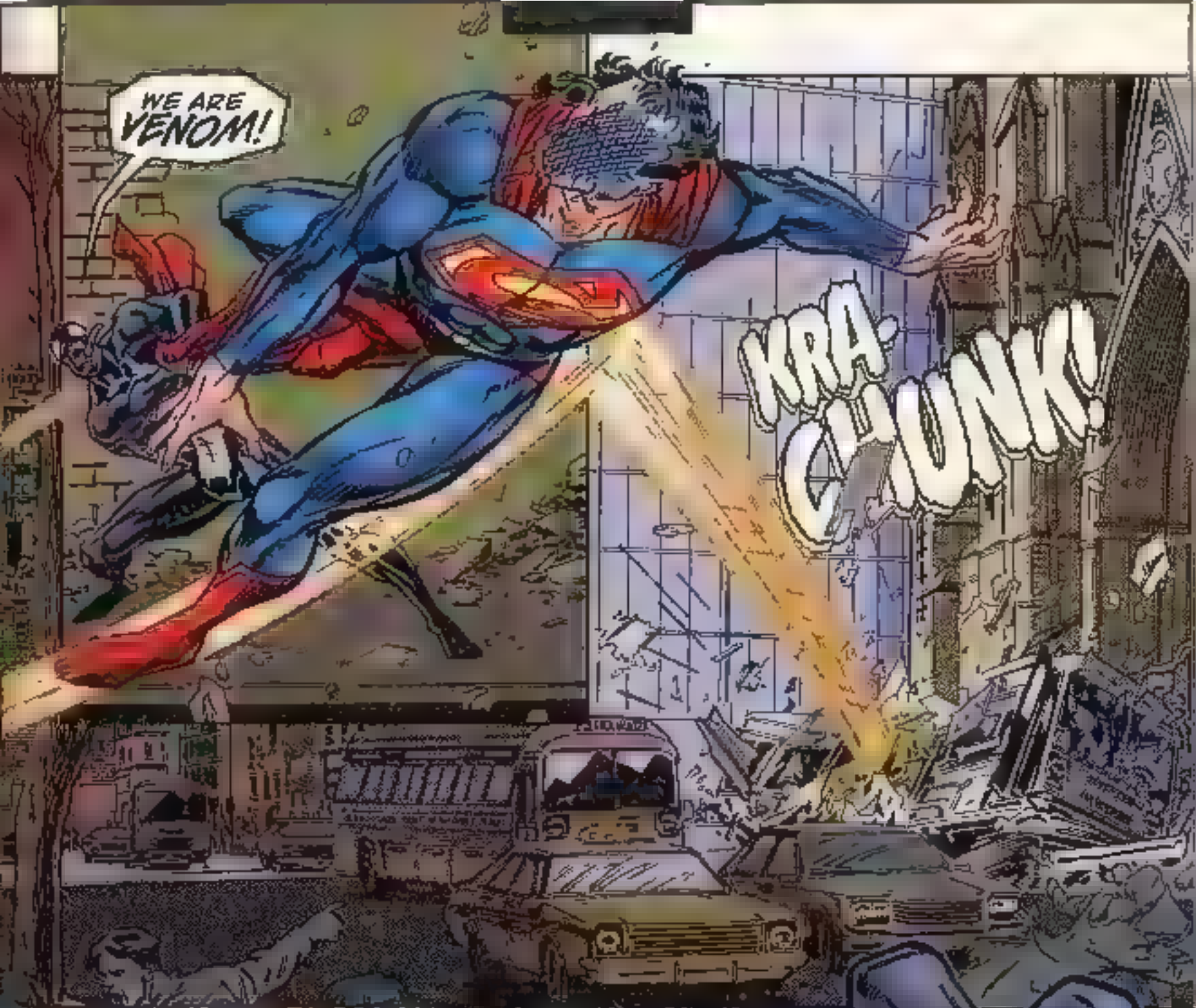
DON'T

EVER

MENTION
THAT NAME
TO ME.

==MMF!==

WHACK!





...SUPERMAN!

I'M FINE...

AND
THANK GOD
THE BUS WAS
EMPTY.

THIS SN'T
A PLACE FOR
BYSTANDING,
SON THERE'S A
SERIOUS THREAT
ON THE LOOSE

LIVES
ARE IN
DANGER

I KNOW I
CAME TO HELP.
I CAN FIX IT
ALL

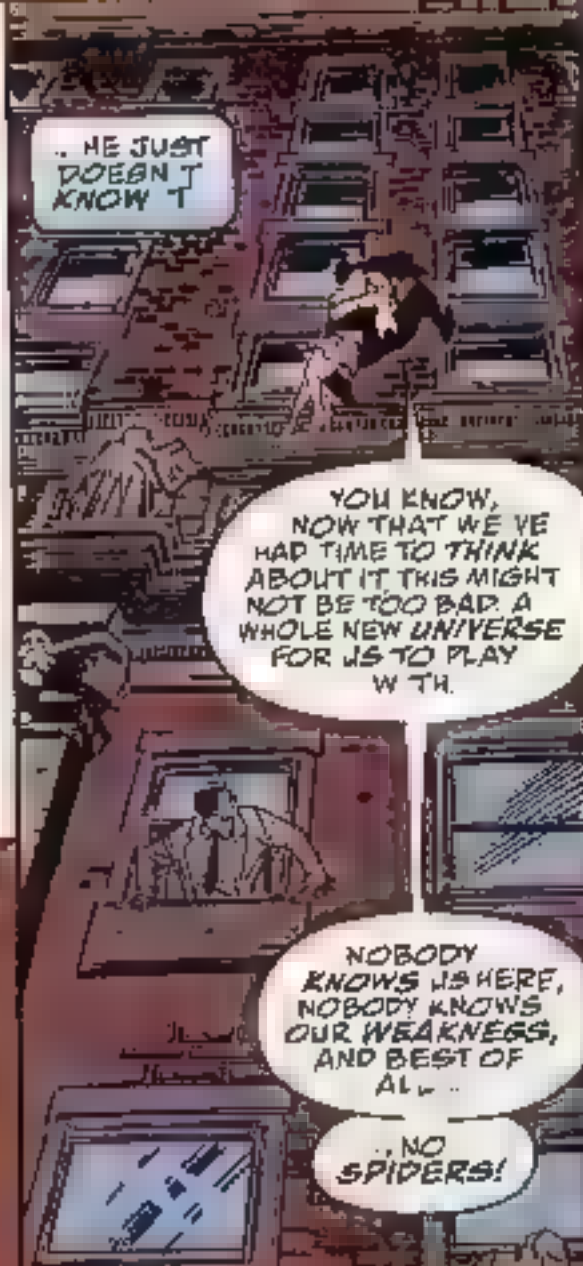
I
APPRECIATE
THE OFFER...

BUT THIS
BUS NESS IS
BEST LEFT TO
HEROES.

...OF COURSE HE DOESN'T
KNOW WHO I AM WE NEVER
REALLY MET ONLY WHEN
HE WAS AMALGAMATED AS
SUPER-SOLDIER

SUPERMAN
NEEDS ME.

OH, WAIT.

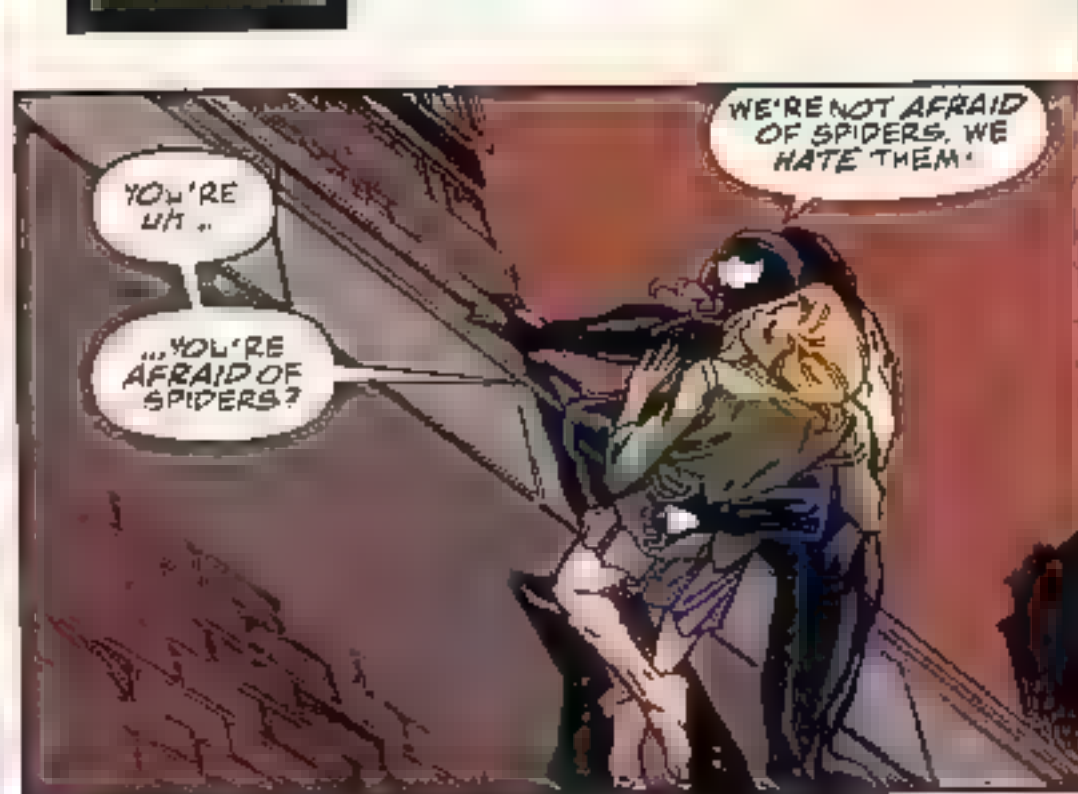


.. HE JUST DOESN'T KNOW T

YOU KNOW, NOW THAT WE VE HAD TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT THIS MIGHT NOT BE TOO BAD. A WHOLE NEW UNIVERSE FOR US TO PLAY WITH.

NOBODY KNOWS US HERE, NOBODY KNOWS OUR WEAKNESS, AND BEST OF ALL...

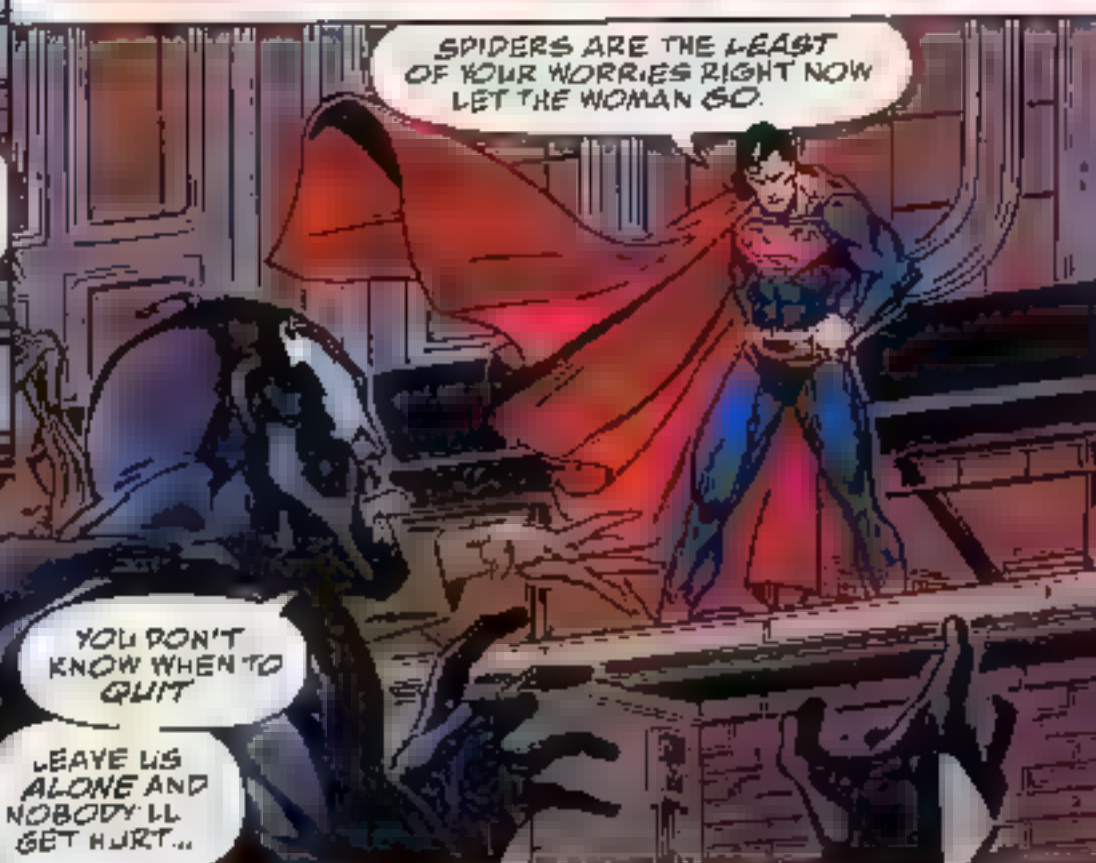
..NO SPIDERS!



YOU'RE UH ..

...YOU'RE AFRAID OF SPIDERS?

WE'RE NOT AFRAID OF SPIDERS. WE HATE THEM!



SPIDERS ARE THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES RIGHT NOW LET THE WOMAN GO.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT

LEAVE US ALONE AND NOBODY'LL GET HURT..



WHAT'S ?

..ESPEC ALLY YOU, BOY SCOUT!

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS!



I'M TRYING TO BE COME ON!



WHO?

WHO IS THAT?!



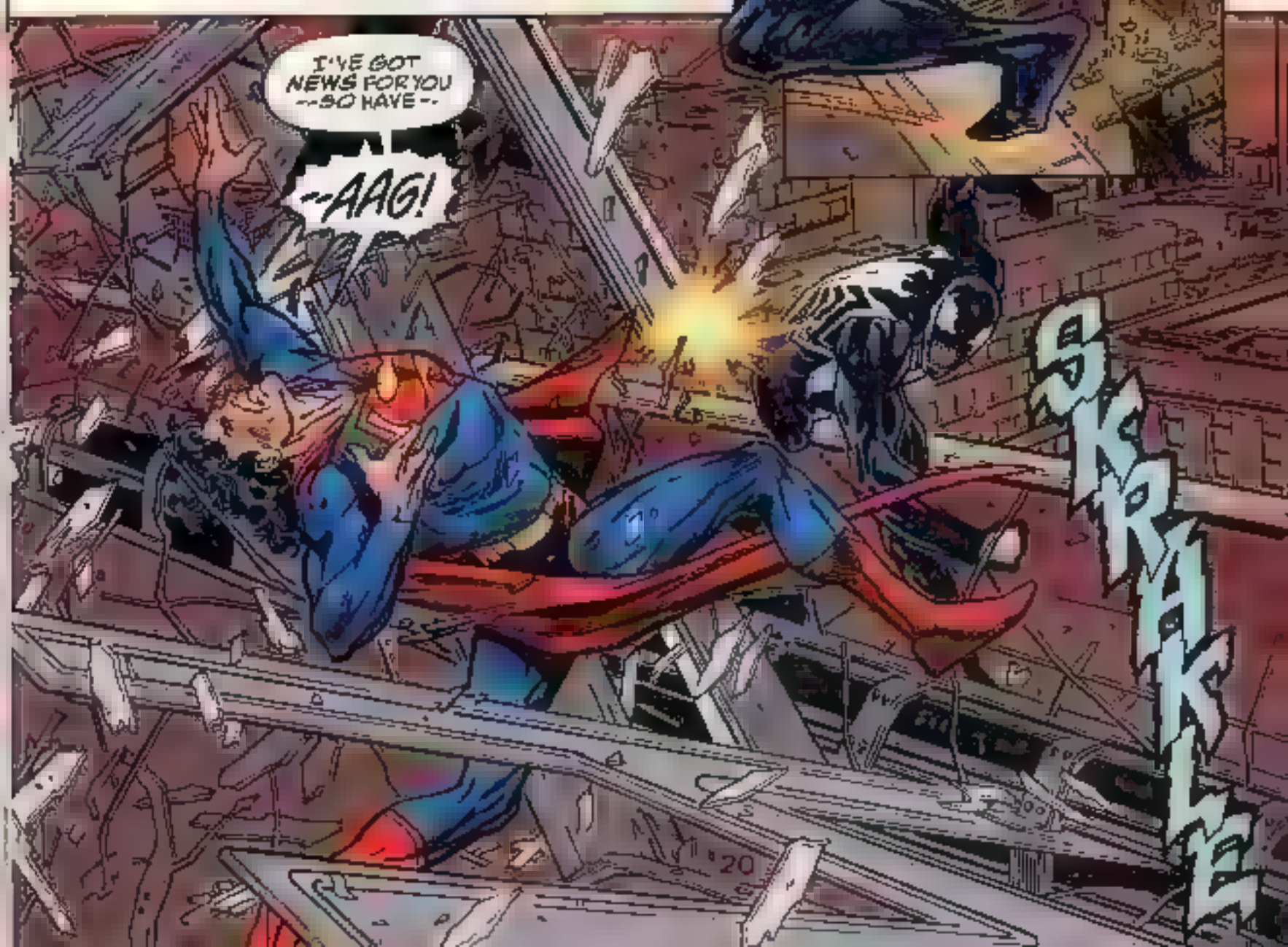
I'M NOT SURE.

.. BUT I AM GLAD HE'S HERE!

WAM!

YOU THINK BRUTE FORCE IS GONNA CUT IT AGAINST US?!

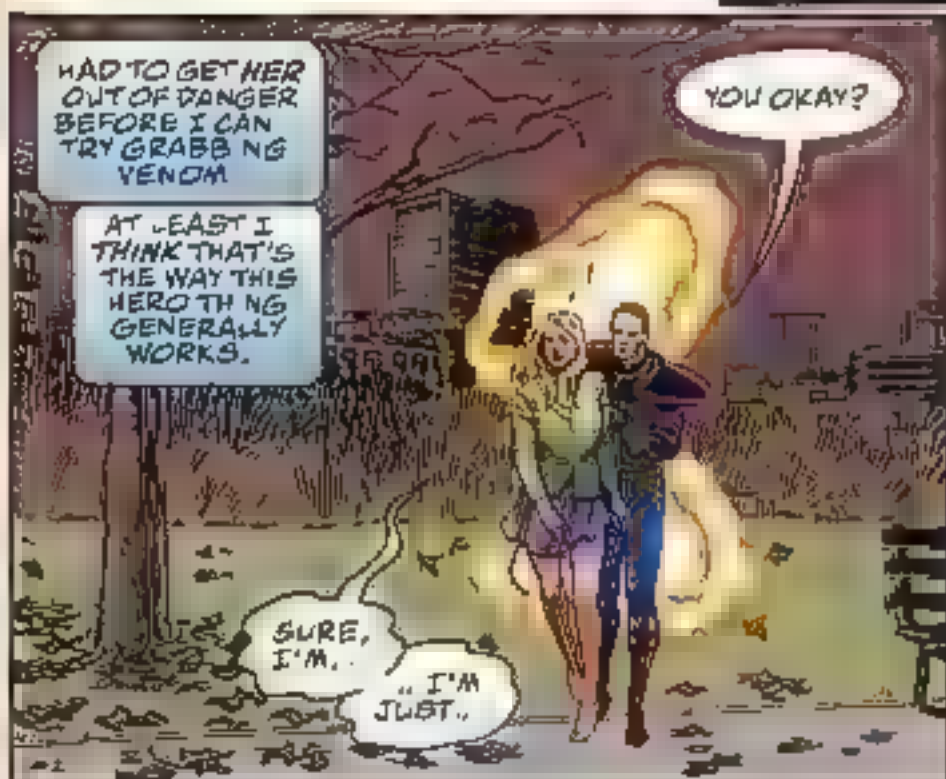
WE'VE GONE TOE TO TOE WITH THE JUGGERNAUT!



I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU --SO HAVE--

--AAG!

SKRAKLE



HAD TO GET HER OUT OF DANGER BEFORE I CAN TRY GRABBING VENOM.

AT LEAST I THINK THAT'S THE WAY THIS HERO THING GENERALLY WORKS.

YOU OKAY?

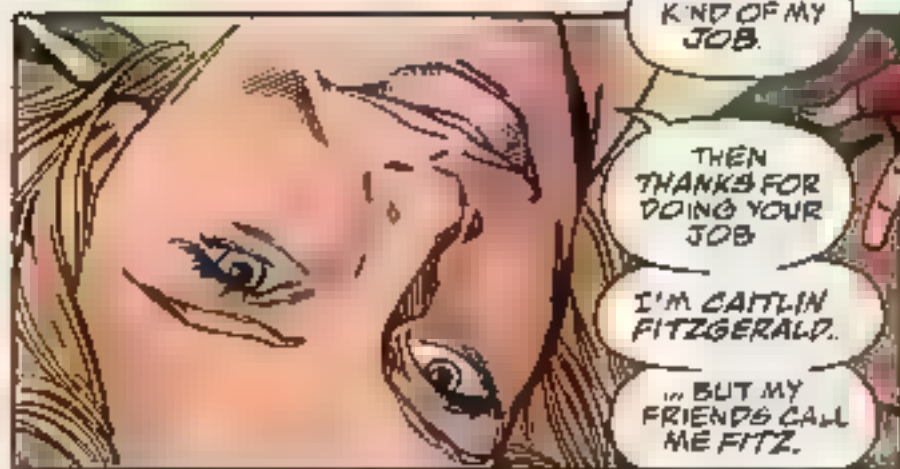
SURE, I'M...

"I'M JUST..."



"I'M GREAT'S WHAT I AM! THAT WAS SO COOL!"

THAT MONSTER COULD'VE KILLED ME AND YOU JUST ZAPPED IN AND SNATCHED ME AWAY!



IT'S KIND OF MY JOB.

THEN THANKS FOR DOING YOUR JOB.

I'M CAITLIN FITZGERALD.

BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME FITZ.



YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE OKAY, UM, FITZ?

I'M FINE A LITTLE SHAKY, AND I FEEL LIKE I NEED A WEEK-LONG SHOWER BUT I'LL BE OKAY.

WELL, FIRST OFF THE GUY WITH THE TEETH ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE HERE I HAVE TO TAKE HIM BACK TO... THE PLACE HE BELONGS.

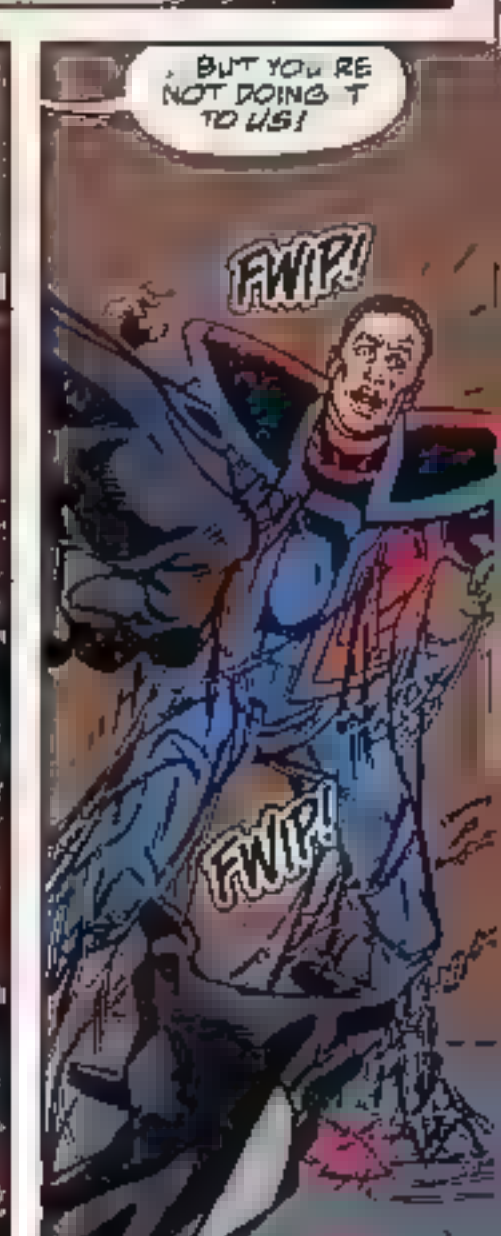
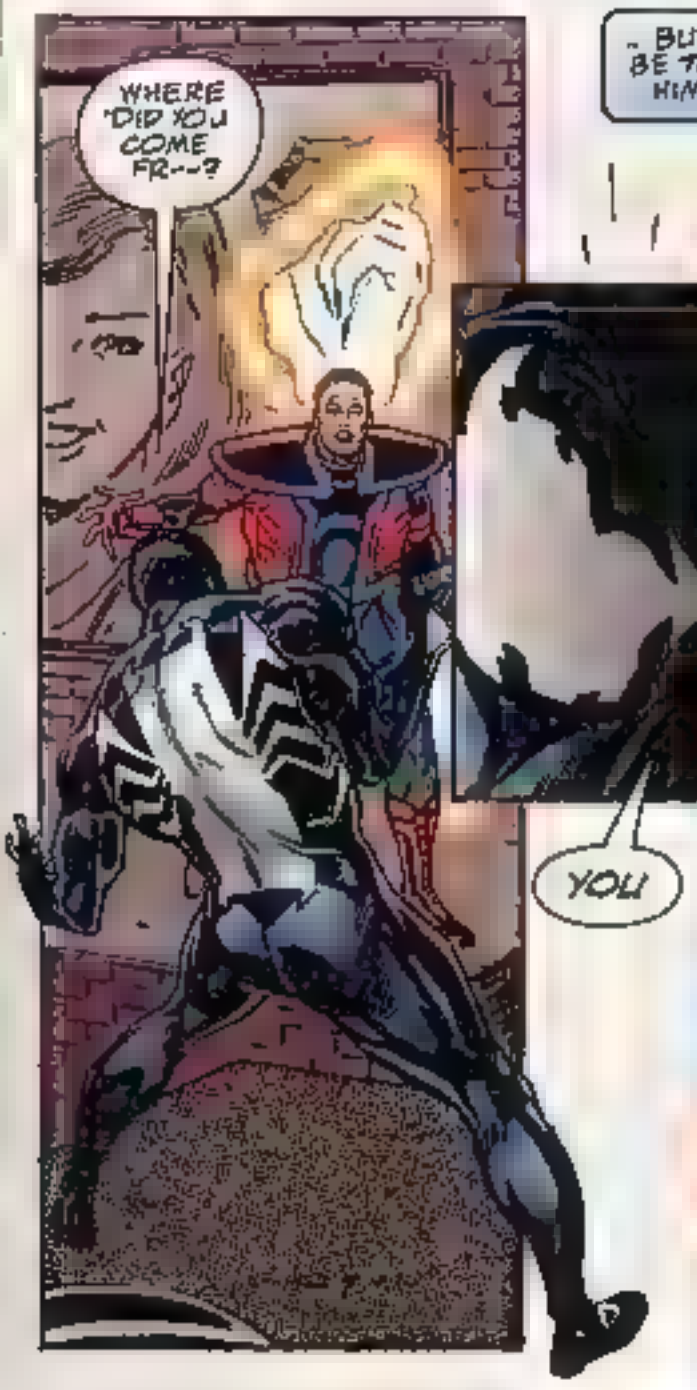
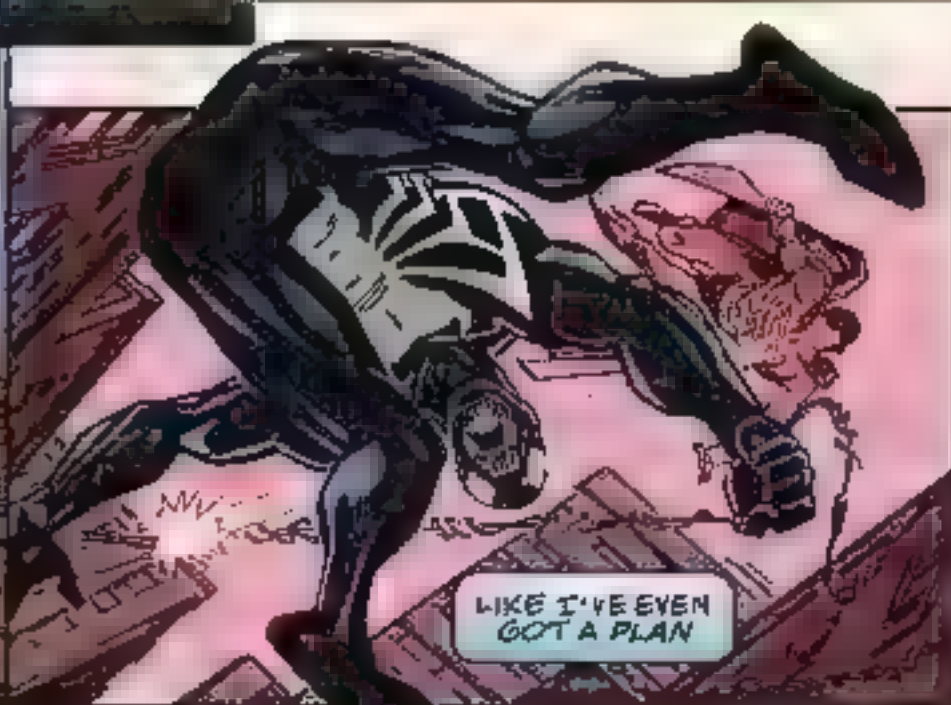
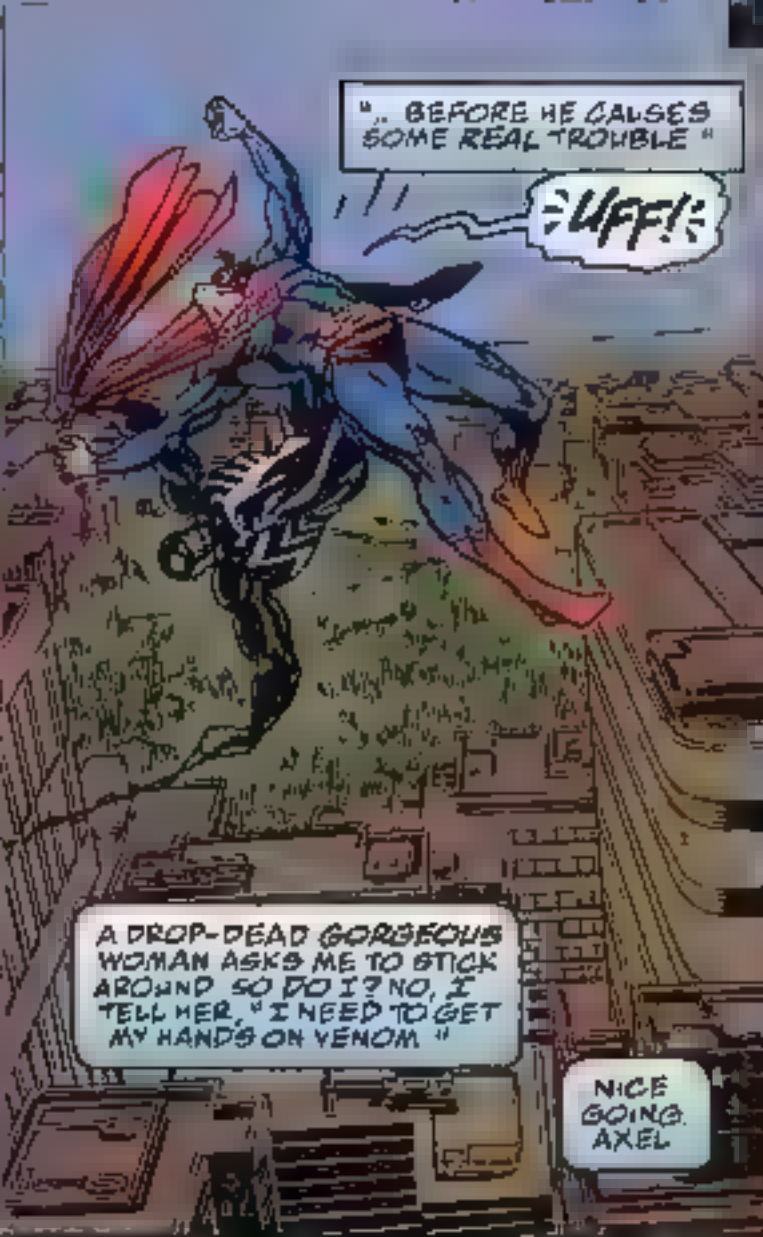
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE, AND HOW YOU DID... WHATEVER IT WAS YOU DID WHAT'S GOING ON?

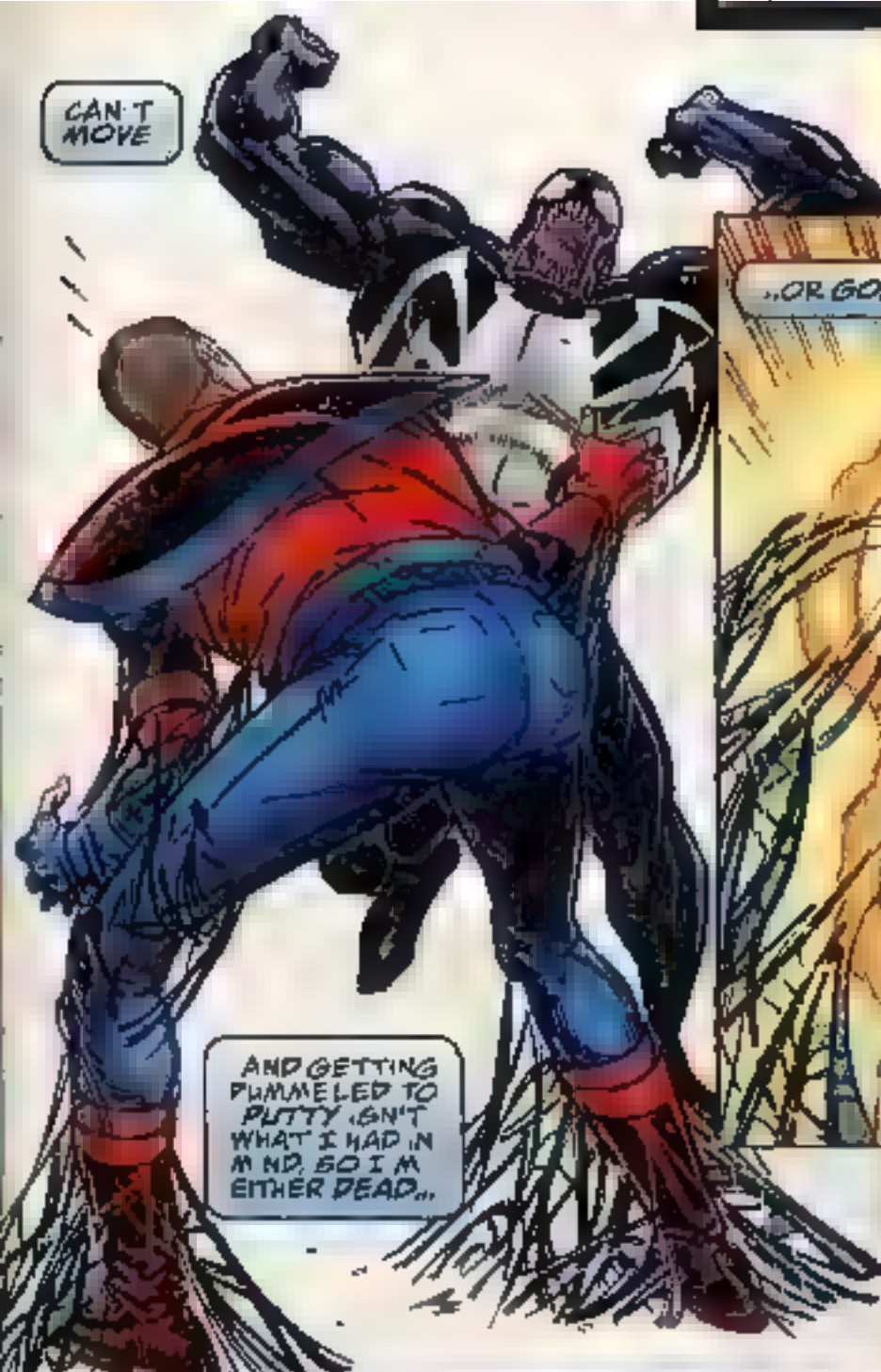


AND I'M BOY, WHO I AM IS A LONG STORY.

I'VE GOT TIME

WISH I'D SORRY, BUT I NEED TO GET MY HANDS ON VENOM.





CAN'T
MOVE

AND GETTING
PUMMELED TO
PUTTY ISN'T
WHAT I HAD IN
MIND, SO I'M
EITHER DEAD...

...OR GONE



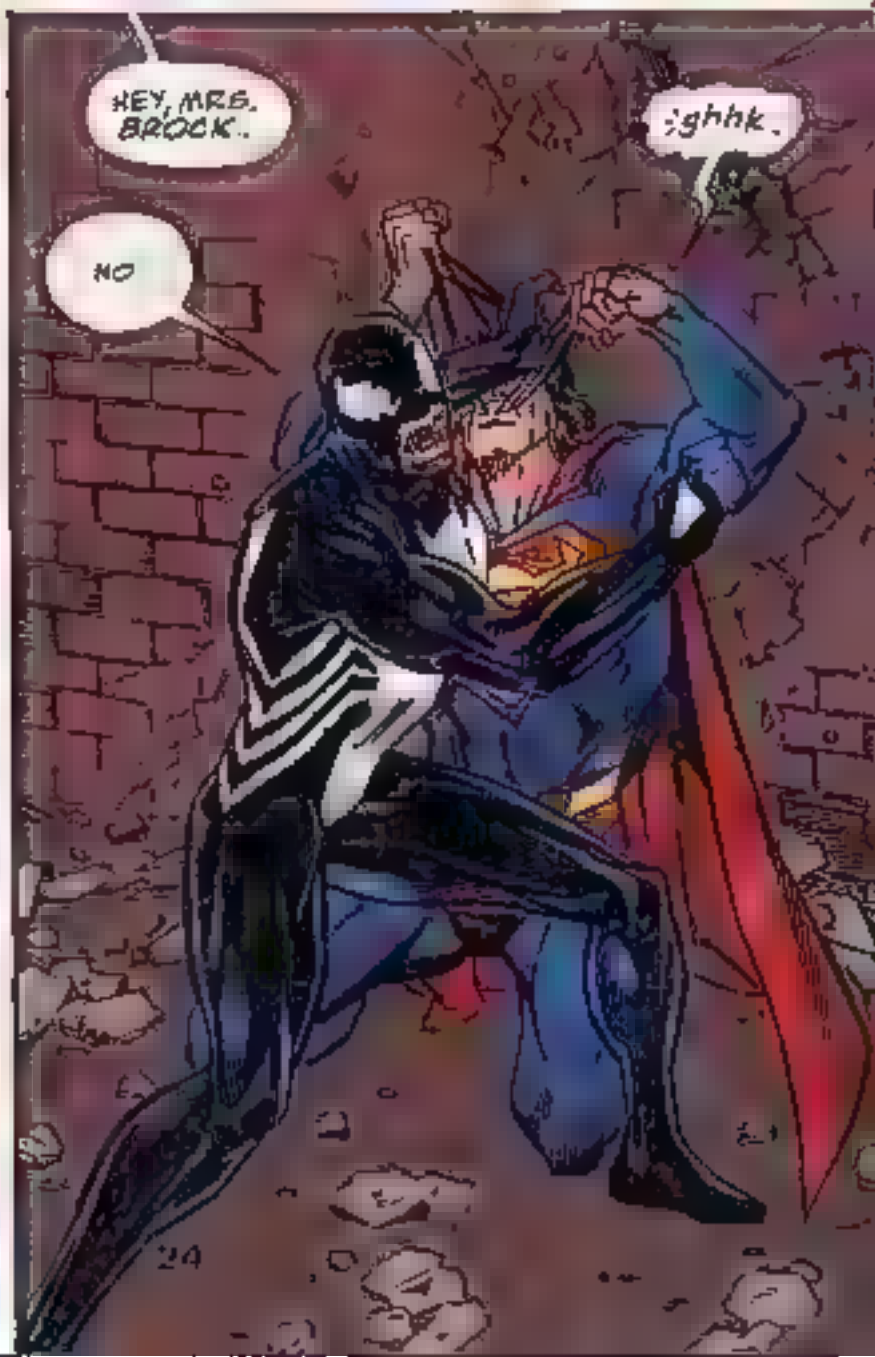
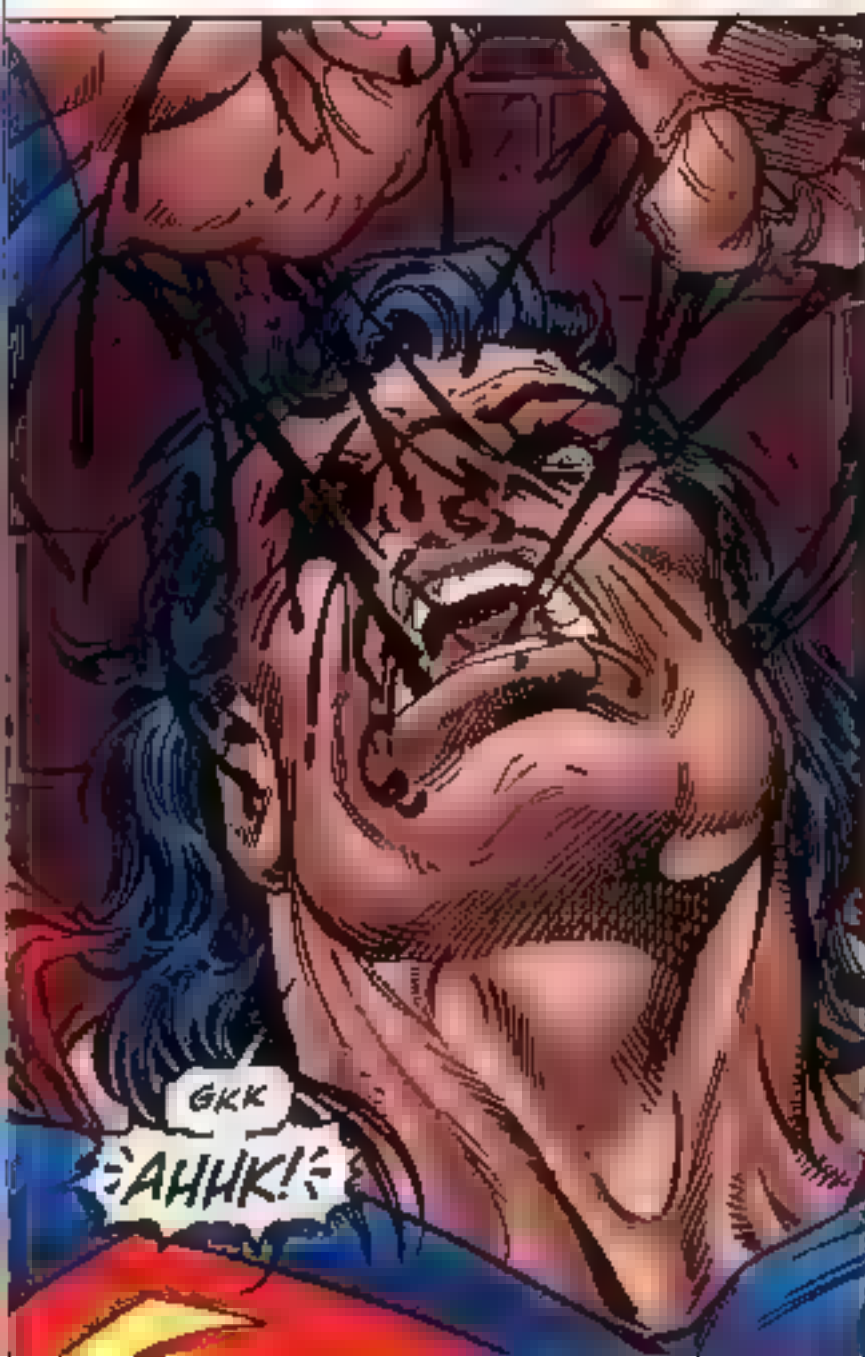
GONE!



LEAVING
JUST THE
TWO OF
US!

NO MORE
INNOCENTS
AT RISK!

THOOM





CAN EDDIE
COME OUT AND
PLAY?

...NO!
THE
SPIDER!

SHKK!



WHUMP!

YUP,
THE
SPIDER.

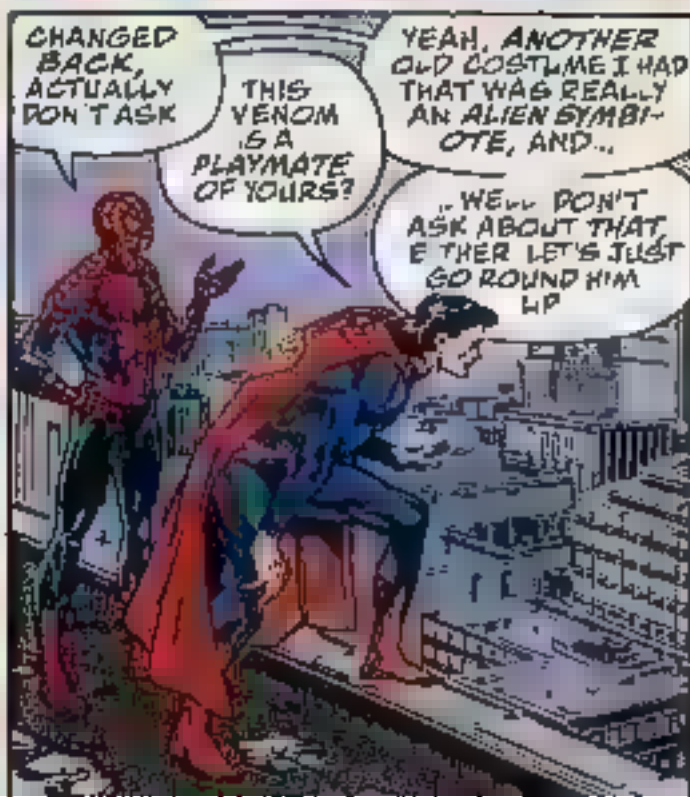
WATCH
THAT
EDGE,
EDDIE



HELLO?
STILL
WITH
US?

THANKS TO YOU SPIDER-
MAN, CORRECT? I REMEM-
BER YOU FROM WHEN OUR
UNIVERSES MET..

...BUT YOU'VE
CHANGED YOUR
COSTUME
& SINCE THEN,
HAVEN'T
YOU?



CHANGED
BACK,
ACTUALLY
DON'T ASK

THIS
VENOM
IS A
PLAYMATE
OF YOURS?

YEAH, ANOTHER
OLD COSTUME I HAD
THAT WAS REALLY
AN ALIEN SYMBI-
OTE, AND...

WE DON'T
ASK ABOUT THAT
EITHER LET'S JUST
GO ROUND HIM
UP



GLAD TO HAVE
THE HELP

HEY,
WHAT
ABOUT
ME?



STAY HERE





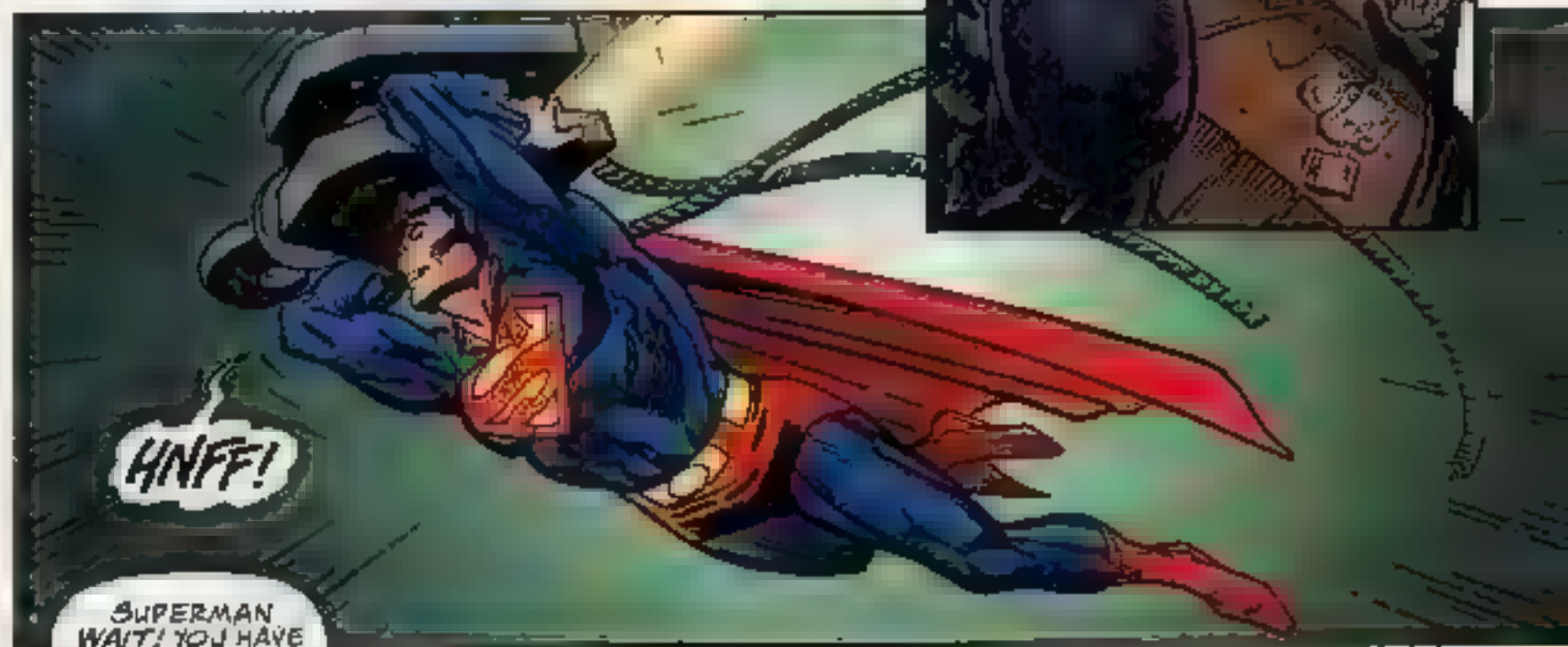
YOU WILL BE!

EDDIE, EDDIE, EDDIE..

THAT BLOCK AND TACKLE COULD KILL SOMEONE BELOW!

..YOU'LL NEED TO DO A LOT BETTER YOU KNOW HOW FAST I AM COMPARATIVE AGILITY OF A SPIDER AND ALL THAT

BE MY GUEST! I'M A LITTLE OCCUPIED!



HNFF!

SUPERMAN WAIT! YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME!



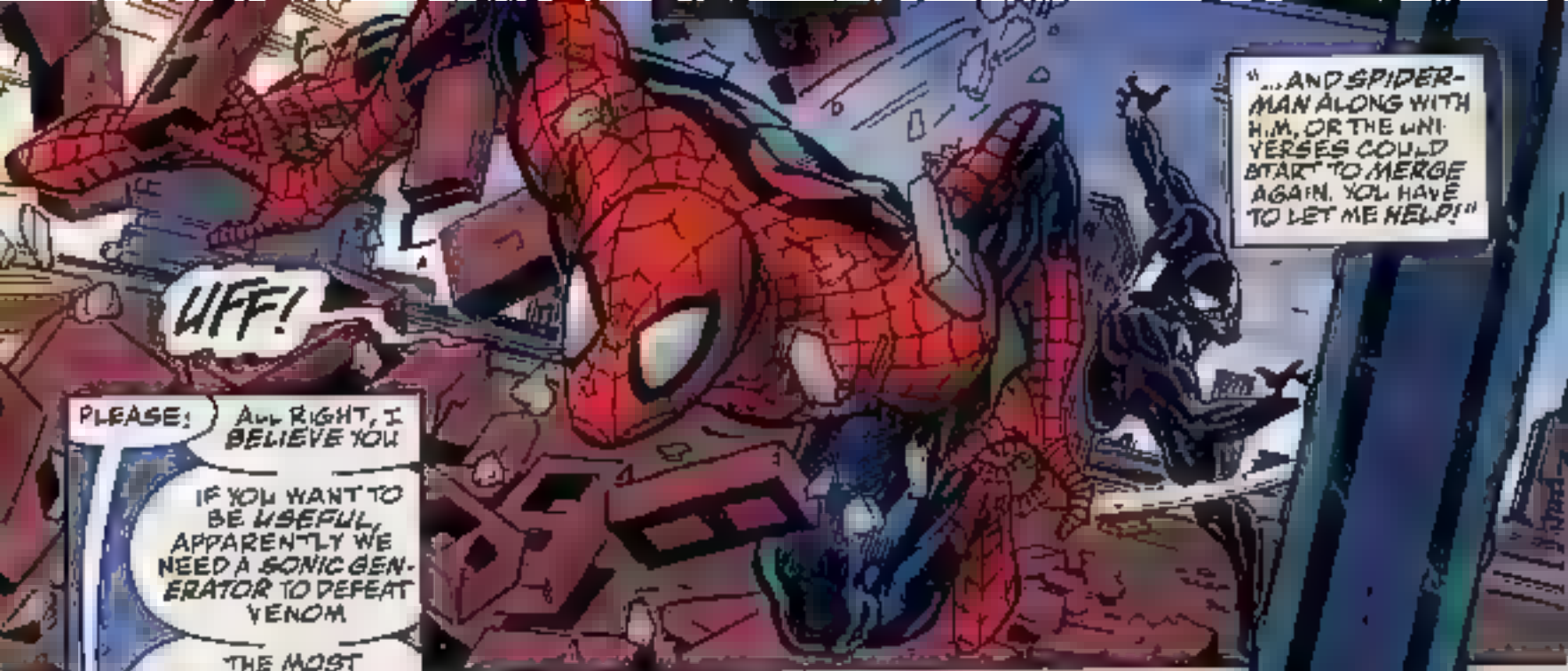
YOU AGAIN

POPPING IN LIKE THAT IS A HANDY TRICK, BUT I THOUGHT WE TOLD YOU TO STAY PUT!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PUT THIS RIGHT!

THERE ISN'T TIME TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, BUT I'M THE ACCESS! I CAN JUMP FROM YOUR UNIVERSE TO SPIDER-MAN'S BECAUSE IT'S MY DUTY TO KEEP THEM SEPARATE!

I HAVE TO TAKE VENOM BACK TO THE RIGHT UNIVERSE



"...AND SPIDER-MAN ALONG WITH H.M. OR THE UNIVERSES COULD START TO MERGE AGAIN. YOU HAVE TO LET ME HELP!"

UFF!

PLEASE! ALL RIGHT, I BELIEVE YOU

IF YOU WANT TO BE USEFUL, APPARENTLY WE NEED A SONIC GENERATOR TO DEFEAT VENOM

THE MOST LIKELY PLACE TO FIND SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN DEVELOPMENT IS AT A T A R LABS ACROSS TOWN



TELL THEM WHAT YOU NEED AND WHY YOU NEED IT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM IF YOU SAY I SENT YOU

BUT TAKE THIS FOR PROOF JUST IN CASE THEN BRING THE DEVICE TO ME



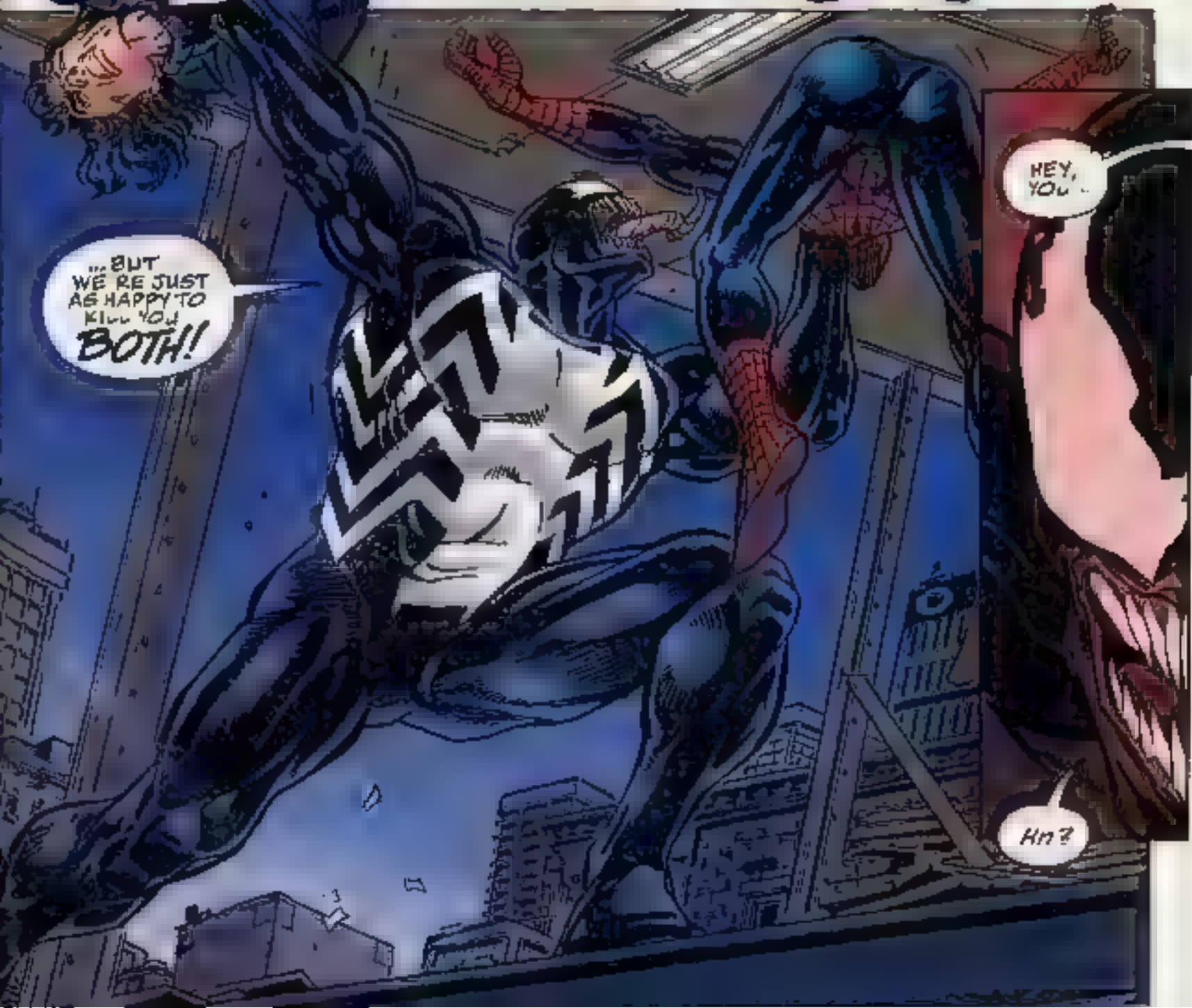
SPIDER-MAN AND I WILL HANDLE IT FROM THERE. I DON'T WANT YOU TAKING ANY UNNECESSARY RISKS

WHATEVER YOU SAY, SUPERMAN!



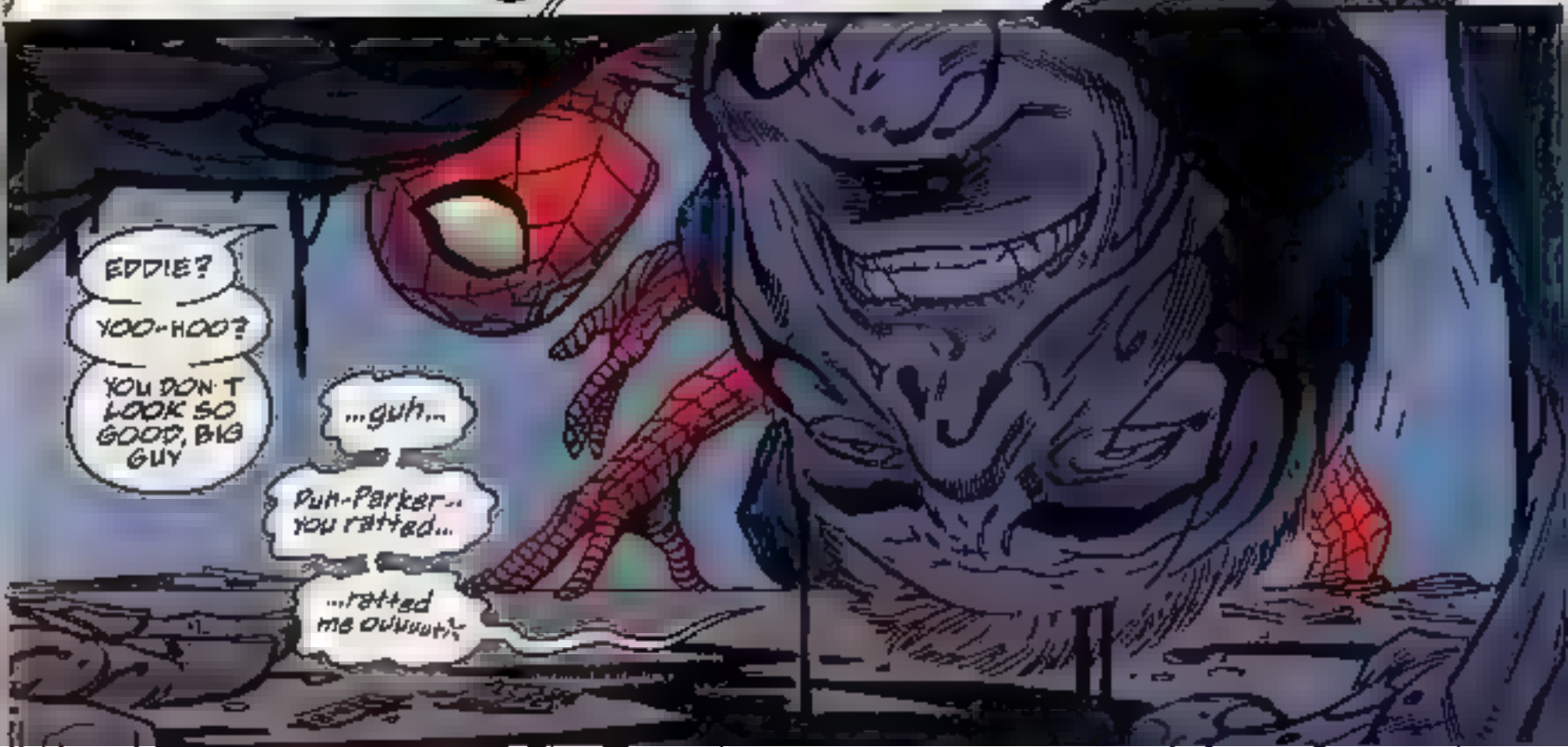
JEEZ EDDIE, YOUR BREATH...

YOU'RE A DEAD SPIDER!



LISTEN
TO THIS.

YAAAGHH!!



EDDIE?

YOO-HOO?

YOU DON'T
LOOK SO
GOOD, BIG
GUY

...guh...

Puh-Parker...
you ratted...

...ratted
me out...



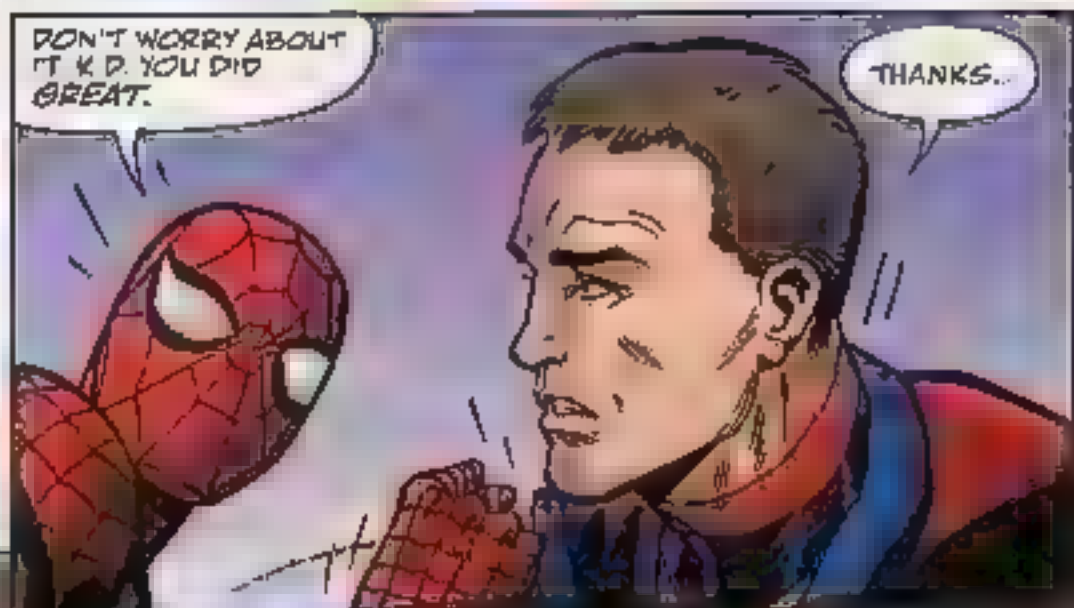
HE'S DONE.

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONES WITH THE NICK-OF-TIME RESCUES.



I THOUGHT WE AGREED YOU WERE GOING TO TURN THAT OVER TO ME, AND NOT PUT YOURSELF IN THE DANGER ZONE.

WELL, WITH YOU GUYS LOOKED KINDA BUSY



DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT K.D. YOU DID GREAT.

THANKS...



BUT VENOM WOULD STILL BE ON THE LOOSE WITHOUT YOU TWO. SUPERMAN MADE SURE HE DIDN'T HURT ANYBODY...

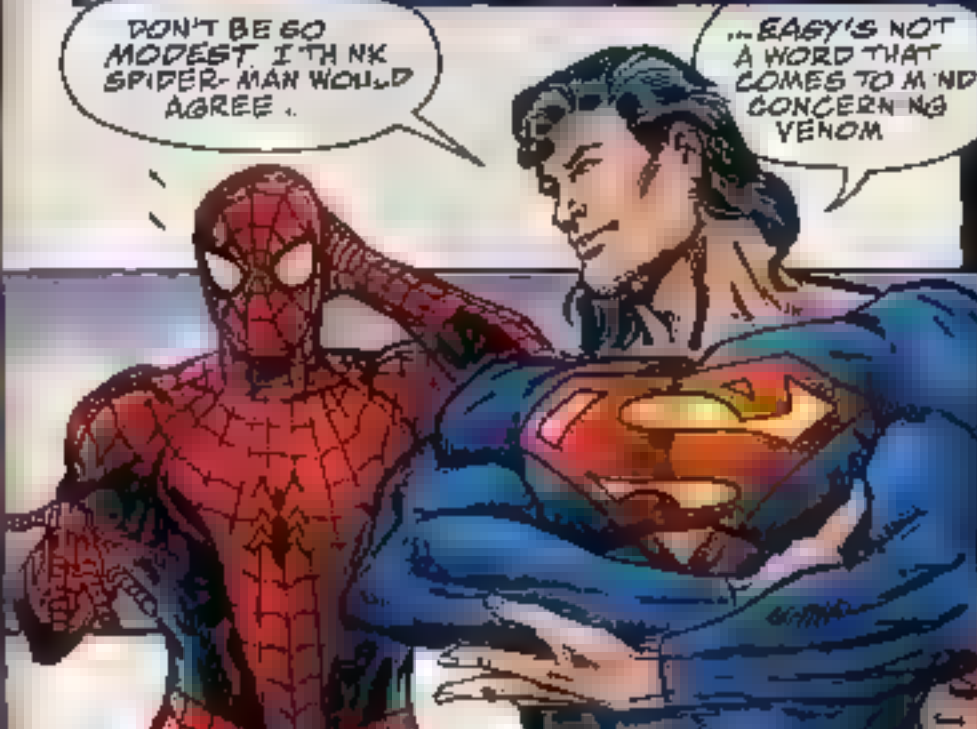
...AND THEN YOU GOT HERE SPIDER-MAN, AND TOLD US HOW TO EXPLOIT HIS WEAKNESS. I JUST DID THE EASY PART



BELIEVE ME, EVEN WITHOUT THE COSTUME THE GUY WAS NO PICNIC. HE WAS A NEWSPAPER REPORTER, AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY CAN

BE

LIKE.

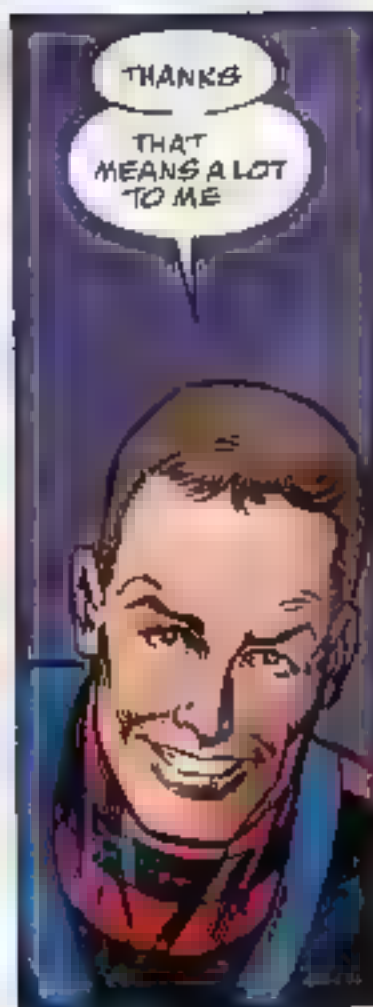
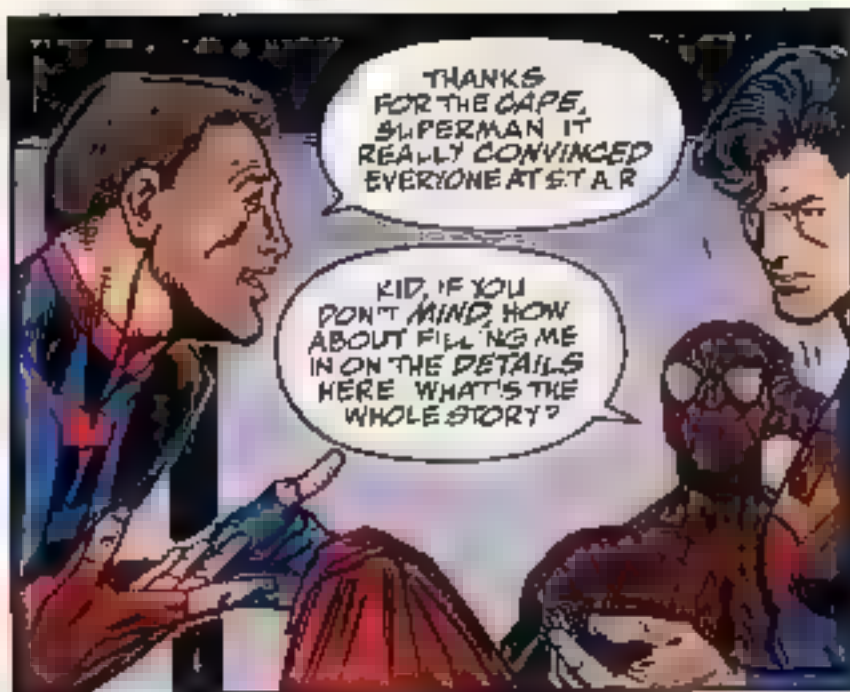


DON'T BE SO MODEST. I THINK SPIDER-MAN WOULD AGREE.

...EASY'S NOT A WORD THAT COMES TO MIND CONCERNING VENOM

WHAT'S THAT LOOK FOR?

NO REASON





YOU CAN GET THIS SONIC THING BACK TO S.T.A.R., RIGHT?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

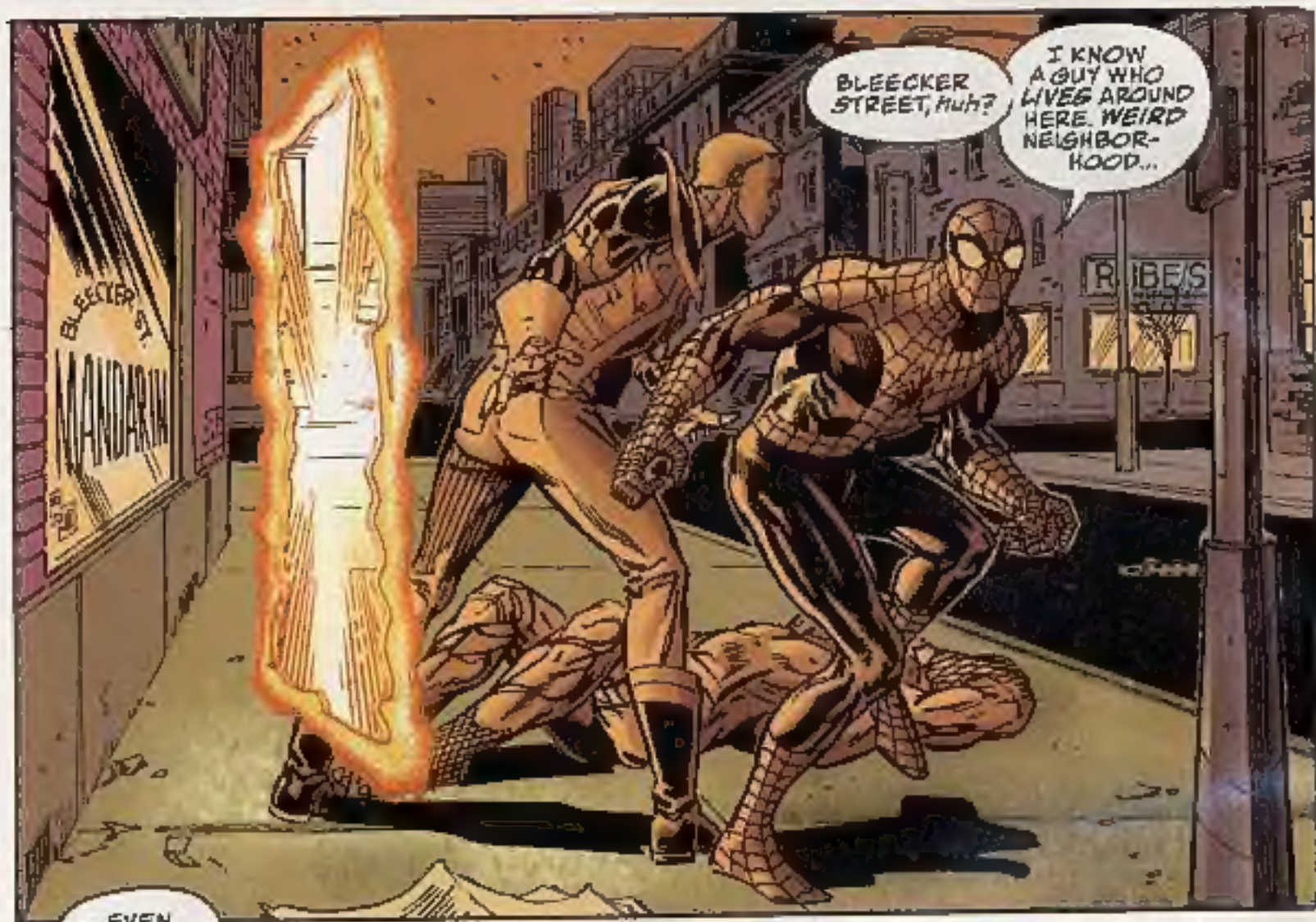
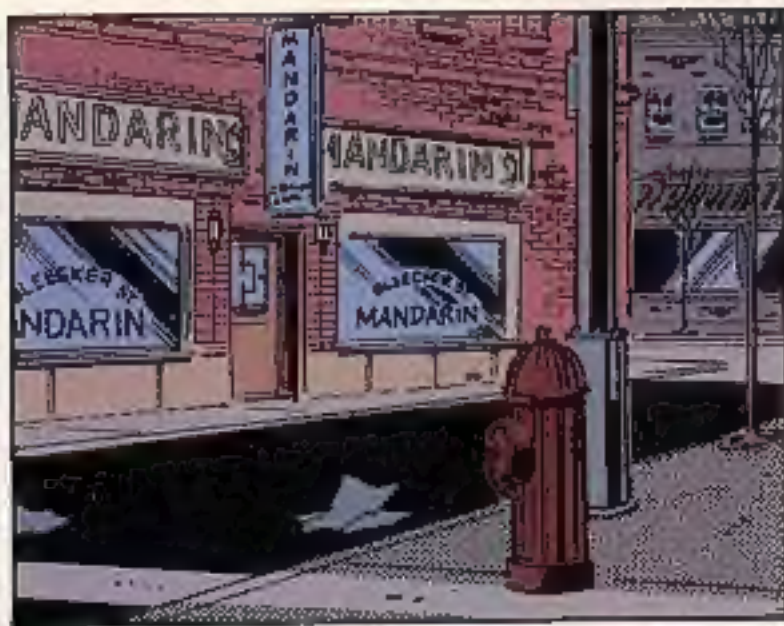


WELL...

...I GUESS WE'LL BE BEEING YOU.



I WONDER IF YOU JUST MIGHT, AT THAT!





I'D BETTER
GET A MOVE ON...

VENOM'S
BROKEN THE
TRUCE THAT KEPT
ME FROM COMING
AFTER HIM. I'LL WEB
HIM TO THE TOP OF A
NICE TALL BUILDING
AND CALL THE
AUTHORITIES.

AMMP!



TAKE IT EASY, KID.

'BYE.



NOW, I GUESS
THAT'S IT.

MY FIRST MISSION
OR WHATEVER YOU'D
CALL IT. I FEEL LIKE
I ACCOMPLISHED
SOMETHING. I
FINALLY FEEL LIKE I
HAVE A DIRECTION.



BUT I'M SATISFIED TO
GO BACK TO BEING A
NORMAL GUY.

MY BIGGEST
CHALLENGE NOW
IS CONVINCING
MING TO FORGIVE
ME FOR RUNNING
OUT ON LUNCH.



I'LL TAKE
THAT OVER
UNIVERSE-
SAVING ANY
DAY.

STILL, I'D LOVE
TO KNOW WHY
IT ALL HAPPENED.
I MEAN, HOW DID
VENOM EVEN
GET THERE?

AH, FORGET
IT, AXEL.
WHY WORRY?

IT'S OVER



**NEXT: ROBIN & JUBILEE:
TWO HEROES, TWO UNIVERSES.
TWO-FACE!**